

### Torrance High School Sets Special Dismissal Hours for Two Thursdays

Class hours for Torrance High School students will end at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, and Thursday, Feb. 9. Early termination of school for the students on those particular days has been established to allow the Torrance High School faculty time to review and edit the instructional staff section of the CASSA Appraisal report.

The total personnel: the students, the faculty, the administration, the secretaries and the custodians have been working and studying Torrance High School, its operation and class offerings, since the beginning of the school year. The results of this study have been written in a first draft report in preparation for an Appraisal visitation April 19-21. The Appraisal process follows procedures established by the California Association of Secondary School Administrators. The report presents a self analysis of all phases of the educational program at Torrance High School.

#### FIVE EDUCATORS

A committee of five educators will visit Torrance High School, analyze the report and make recommendations for improvement of the program. The ultimate result of the visitation by the committee will be a recommendation for accreditation of Torrance High School in keeping with the standards approved by CASSA and the State Department of Education.

#### STUDENTS POLLED

Dr. Willard VanDyke, professor of education, Long Beach State College and chairman of the visiting committee, has worked with the various school committees since the opening of the school year in September. As a phase of the program, the entire student body has been polled in a questionnaire designed to obtain student opinion and reaction to Torrance High School, its teachers, its educational program includ-

ing student activities. The students' reactions will become a part of the final report.

The last class will conclude at 2 p.m. on Jan. 26 and Feb. 9. Students transported by bus will be picked up prior to 2:30 p.m. The THS faculty will spend the afternoon on these two Thursdays perusing the report made by the instructional staff. Suggestions for changes, additions or deletions of certain items will be incorporated into the final report.

### Trailblazers

Local Scouting News  
CUB PACK 775

Cub Pack 775 held their annual Gravity Car race for an overflow audience in the Riviera cafeteria. Grandprize winner was Ken Morelock; second, Jim Kucheman; and third, John Harris. Winners, 8-year-old, were: David Nolte, Jim Kucheman and John Harris; 9-year-old: Roy Harlan, John Alexander, Scott Roberts; 10-year-old: Ken Morelock, Mathew Glassman and Paul Yockey. Craftsmanship winners were: 8-year-old Bruce Burton, John Harris

and John Frace; 9-year-old: Greg Glenn, Steve Bereda and Terry Baisler; 10-year-old: Howard Burger, Paul Yockey, and Roy John.

Cubmaster Paul Glassman announced the annual Blue and Gold dinner will be held at the Elks Club, Redondo Beach, February 23. A Webelos den has been formed by John Speight. Charles John will assist.

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 315

January meeting of the Scouting Committee of Boy Scout Troop 315 was held at Normandale playground with newly elected Chairman Lynn Dane presiding. Approximately 15 fathers of

scouts were in attendance to formulate plans for the coming year. The 1961 Charter was prepared for the signature of Governor Dan Hutchinson of Torrance Moose Lodge 785 as presiding officer of the sponsoring institution.

During the meeting Chairman Dane announced the following committee appointments for the coming year: Scoutmaster Homer Foster, Assistant Scoutmaster Fred Bunch, Treasurer Les Roach, Secretary Lanny Reyes, Activities Herb Shattuck and Ivy Caulkins, Publicity Jim McCune, Sustaining Membership Jim McCune, Personnel Ted Wisnand and Al Wilson,

Awards Fred Bunch, Advancements Vic Matulich, Merit Badge Consultant Varney Simpson, Quartermasters Don Bose, Herb Wilson and George Richardson.

Tentative plans for the year include monthly Family Swim parties at the Nu Pike Plunge, bi-monthly camps or hikes, weekend snow camp in early February, one week campout during the summer, and laying plans for a two week bus trip to Canada in 1962 or 1963. Another activity that was planned was a weekend campout in the park at El Prado and Cravens Streets in downtown Torrance during Boy Scout Week in February.

#### GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2080

Since its investiture Girl Scout Troop 2080 has been known to be one of the most active troops in this area. After three years, this troop continues to be very busy. Since September, the troop has held an over-night backyard camp-out, and a three day camping trip at Oak Grove Park in Pasadena enabling eligible scouts to complete their camping badges.

In October, the troop paid tribute to the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Low, by participating in the Juliette Low Birthday celebration at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles, and at the neighborhood In-gathering at Alondra

Park. During the Christmas holidays, the scouts went caroling to their parents homes. Each girl presented her parents with a lovely white wreath she had made. The troop also visited the Bay Shore Rest Home in Hermosa Beach where they sang Christmas carols and presented the guests at the home with tray favors. The troop's sponsor R. W. Whittam, treated all the girls to the movies as part of a Christmas gift. More recently, the scouts attended the Harbor Girl Scout Round-up held at Peck

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California population at January 1 climbed over the sixteen million mark with a total of 16,042,000 estimated for the State as a whole. In other words, since April 1, 1960, when the Census figure of 15,717,204 was set, it is estimated that another 324,796 new residents have arrived in the State, some as newborn natives and some as migrants from outside the State.

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